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THe Form of Prayer with Thankſgiving heretofore appointed for the Twenty ninth of *May*, relating in ſeveral Paſſages of it to the Birth and Perſon of Our moſt dearly beloved Brother, King *Charles* the Second, and ſo upon occaſion of his Death being neceſſarily to be Altered; And it being now by Our ſpecial Command to the Biſhops ſo Altered and Settled to Our Satisfaction, as a perpetual Office of Thankſgiving for the Standing Mercies of that Day: Our Expreſs Will and Pleaſure is, That it be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed as here it followeth; to be uſed henceforth upon every Twenty ninth of *May* in all Churches and Chapels within Our Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, in ſuch manner as is therein Directed.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall *the Twenty ninth Day of* April 1685. *in the Firſt Year of Our Reign.*

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¶ The Office uſed hitherto upon this Day, ever ſince it was by Act of Parliament Eſtabliſhed, relating in ſeveral Paſſages to the Birth and Perſon of King *Charles* the Second; It is thought fit, now upon occaſion of his Death, to alter it as followeth.

¶ The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy Days; except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.

¶ If this Day ſhall happen to be *Aſcenſion-Day*, or *Whit-ſunday*, the Collects of this Office are to be added to the Offices of thoſe Feſtivals in their proper places; And if *Munday* or *Tueſday* in *Whitſun* Week or *Trinity* Sunday, the proper Pſalms here appointed for this Day, inſtead of thoſe of ordinary courſe, ſhall be alſo uſed, and the Collects added as before; And in all theſe caſes the reſt of this Office ſhall be omitted: But if it ſhall happen to be any other Sunday, this whole Office ſhall be uſed, as it followeth, entirely. And what Feſtival ſoever ſhall happen to fall upon this Solemn Day of Thankſgiving, the following Hymn appointed inſtead of *Venite exultemus* ſhall be conſtantly uſed.

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Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads, we went through fire and water: but thou hast brought us out into a wealthy place. 11.

Oh, how great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed us: and yet didst thou turn and refresh us, yea and broughtest us from the deep of the earth again. lxxi. 18.

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Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned again the captivity of Jacob. lxxxv. 1.

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They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen and stand upright. xx. 8.

There are they fallen, all that work wickedness: they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand. xxxvi. 12.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us: even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron. cxv. 12.

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6. That our Poſterity may alſo know them, and the
7. Children that are yet unborn: and not be as their fore-fathers, a faithleſs and ſtubborn Generation.

lxviii. 26. **Give thanks, O Iſrael, unto God the Lord, in the Congregations: from the ground of the Heart.**

19. Praiſed be the Lord daily: Even the God who help-eth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

vii. 9. **O let the wickedneſs of the wicked come to an end: but eſtabliſh thou the righteous.**

xl. 19. Let all thoſe that ſeek thee, be joyful and glad in thee, and let all ſuch as love thy ſalvation, ſay always, The Lord be praiſed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.
As it was in the beginning, *&c.*

¶ Proper Pſalms. CXXIV. CXXVI. CXXIX. CXVIII.

¶ Proper Leſſons. { The firſt, 2 Sam. 19. v. 9. or Num. xi. *Te Deum.* The ſecond, the Epiſtle of St. Jude *Jubilate Deo.*

¶ The Suffrages next after the Creed ſhall ſtand thus.

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O Lord, ſhew thy Mercy upon us.
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O Lord, ſave the King.
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Who putteth his truſt in thee.

Prieſt.

Priest.

Send him Help from thy holy place.

Answer.

And evermore mightily defend him.

Priest.

Let his Enemies have no Advantage against him.

Answer.

Let not the Wicked approch to hurt him.

Priest.

Endue thy Ministers with Righteousness.

Answer.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer.

Because there is no other, that fighteth for us, but onely thou, O God.

Priest.

Be unto us, O Lord, a strong Tower.

Answer.

From the Face of our Enemies.

Priest.

O Lord, hear our Prayer.

Answer.

And let our Cry come unto thee.

¶ Instead of the First Collect at Morning-Prayer shall these two, which follow, be used.

O Almighty God, who art a strong Tower of Defence unto thy Servants against the Face of their Enemies; We yield thee Praise and Thanks, for the Wonderful Deliverance of these Three Kingdoms from The Great Rebellion **and all the Miseries and Oppressions**

consequent thereupon, under which they had so long groan'd. We acknowledge it thy Goodness, that we were not utterly delivered over as a Prey unto them: Beseeching thee still to continue such thy Mercies towards us; that all the World may know, That thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God of our Salvation, who hast been exceedingly gracious unto this Land, and by thy miraculous Providence didst deliver us out of our miserable Confusions, by Restoring to us, and to his own just and undoubted Rights, our then most gracious Sovereign Lord, thy Servant King Charles the Second, (notwithstanding all the power and malice of his Enemies) and by placing him in the Throne of this Kingdom; thereby restoring also unto us the publick and free Profession of thy true Religion and Worship, together with our former Peace and Prosperity, to the great Comfort and Joy of our hearts: We are here now before thee, with all due Thankfulness, to acknowledge thine unspeakable Goodness herein, as upon this day, shewed unto us, and to offer up our Sacrifice of Praise for the same, unto thy great and glorious Name; humbly beseeching thee, to accept this our unfeigned though unworthy Oblation of our selves: Vowing all holy Obedience in Thought, Word and Work unto thy Divine Majesty; and promising in thee and for thee all loyal and dutiful Allegiance to thine Anointed Servant now set over us, and to his Heirs after him: Whom We beseech thee to bless with all Encrease of

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¶ In the end of the Litany, (which shall always this day be used) after the Collect, *We humbly beseech thee, O Father*, &c. shall this be said which next followeth.

ALmighty God, who hast in all Ages shew'd forth thy Power and Mercy in the miraculous and gracious Deliverances of thy Church, and in the Protection of Righteous and Religious Kings and States, professing thy holy and eternal Truth, from the malicious Conspiracies and wicked Practices of all their Enemies: We yield unto thee from the very bottom of our hearts unfeigned Thanks and Praise, as for thy many great and publick Mercies, so especially for that signal and wonderful Deliverance by thy wise and good Providence, as upon this day, completed and vouchsafed to our then most gracious Sovereign King Charles the Second, and all the Royal Family: And in Them and with Them to this whole Church and State, and all Orders and Degrees of Men in both, from the unnatural Rebellion, Usurpation and Tyranny of ungodly and cruel men, and from the sad Confusions and Ruine thereupon ensuing. From all these O gracious and merciful Lord God, not our Merit, but thy Mercy; Not our foresight, but thy Providence; Not our own Arm, but thy Right Hand, and thine Arm, and the Light of thy Countenance

did Rescue and Deliver us; even because thou hadst a Favour unto us. And therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name be ascribed all Honour, Glory and Praise, with most humble and hearty Thanks, in all Churches of the Saints: Even so, Blessed be the Lord our God, who alone doth wondrous things; And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever, through Jesus Christ our onely Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶ In the Communion-Service, immediately before the reading of the Epistle shall these two Collects be used, instead of the Collect for the King and the Collect of the day.

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¶ The Epistle. 1 S. Pet. II. 11.————17.

¶ The Gospel S. Matth. XXII. 16.————22.

¶ In the Offertory shall this Sentence be read.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doth the Will of my Father which is in Heaven. S. Matth. vii 21.

¶ After

¶ After the Prayer *For the whole State of Christs Church, &c.* this Collect following shall be used.

ALmighty God and heavenly Father, who of thine infinite and unspeakable Goodness towards us, didst in a most extraordinary and wonderful manner disappoint and overthrow the wicked Designs of those traiterous, heady and high minded men, who under the pretence of Religion, and thy most holy Name, had contrived and well nigh effected the utter Destruction of this Church and Kingdom: As we do this day most heartily and devoutly adore and magnifie thy glorious Name for this thine infinite gracious Goodness already vouchsafed to us; so we most humbly beseech thee to continue thy Grace and Favour towards us, hiding and covering us under the shadow of thy wings, that no such dismal Calamity may ever again fall upon us. To this end send forth thy light and thy truth, for the discovery of these depths of Satan, this Mystery of iniquity. Infatuate and defeat all the secret counsels of the ungodly. Abate their Pride, asswage their Malice, and confound their Devices. Strengthen the hands of our gracious King James, and all that are put in Authority under him, with Judgment and Justice, to cut off all such workers of iniquity, as turn Religion into Rebellion, and Faith into Faction; that they may never again prevail against us, nor triumph in the ruine of the Monarchy and thy Church among us. Protect and defend our Sovereign Lord the King, with the whole Royal Family, from all Conclusions and Conspiracies. Be unto him a [illegible]

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